

EDWARDES, DAVID EDWARD (1832 - 1898), translator

Name: David Edward Edwardes
Date of birth: 1832
Date of death: 1898
Parent: Margaret Edwardes
Parent: Edward Edwardes
Gender: Male
Occupation: translator
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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Born 14 October 1832, son of Edward and Margaret Edwardes of Rhydargaeau in the parish of Llanllawddog, Carmarthenshire. His father, a Dissenter, kept the village shop. Edwardes was probably educated locally before entering the University of Glasgow, where he distinguished himself as senior prizeman in moral philosophy, and was the silver medallist and prizeman in mental philosophy. He took a master's degree in 1865. His chief contribution to literature is his translation of the *Alcestis* of Euripides into Welsh, for which he shared with [David Rowlands](#) (Dewi Môn) a prize of £100 at the Aberdare eisteddfod of 1885. Both translations were published in a single volume by the National Eisteddfod Society in 1887. Edwardes held curacies at Laugharne 1866-9, Llandeloy 1869-72, Dinas, Pembrokeshire, 1872-4, Llan-llwchaearn 1874-5, S. Paul's, Llanelly, 1875-7, Begelly 1880-4, and Rudbaxton 1886-8. On 22 October 1888 he was instituted rector of Hodgeston, Pembrokeshire, where he remained until his death 19 July 1898.

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